



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DAVID T. HAWKES et al.)
TITLE: CERVICAL PLATE FOR)
STABILIZING THE HUMAN)
SPINE)
SERIAL NO.: 10/782,740)
FILED: February 18, 2004) PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R.
EXAMINER _____) §1.136(a)
ART UNIT: 3723)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated May 13, 2004, be extended for two months until September 13, 2004. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (2) is a credit card payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$210, as

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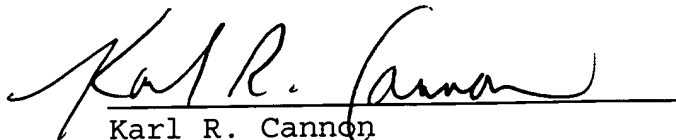
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